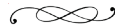


3. Where is the Steadfast Love of the LORD?
– The Prophet Isaiah



Congregational Singing: "Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

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VERSE 1

Come, behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

VERSE 2

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law. In Him we stand.

VERSE 3

Come, behold the wondrous mystery – Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption. See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

VERSE 4

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him. Praise the Lord, He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope,
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes.

Closing Thoughts and Benediction

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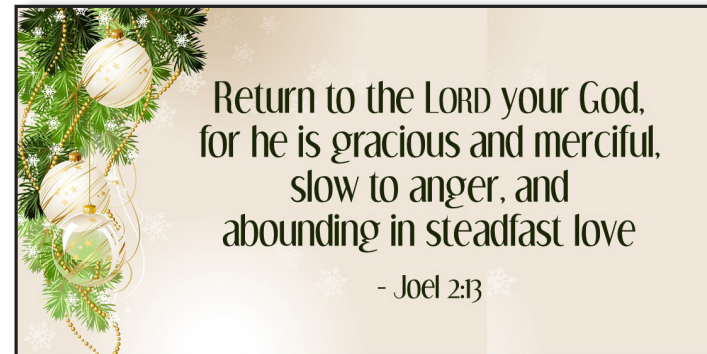
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December 17, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jerry Birkholz

Call to Worship

Dave DeGear

Congregational Singing: "Joyful, Joyful" Hymn 271

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VERSE 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, LORD of light.
Angels lifting praise before You
Sing throughout this holy night.
In a manger lies a Baby –
Child of Mary, Son of God.
Voices joined in joyful chorus
Praise You for Your gift of love.

VERSE 2

All Your works declare Your glory.
All creation joins to sing.
Praise resounds as earth rejoices
In the birth of Christ, the King.
Shepherds kneel before the infant.
Trumpets sound and anthems raise
As, with joy, our hearts are lifted,
Joined in wonder, love, and praise.

Congregational Singing: "Love Has Come!" Hymn 256

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VERSE 1

Love has come – a light in the darkness!
Love explodes in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it.
Hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

VERSE 2

Love is born! Come share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of His mother.
What is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers.
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

VERSE 3

Love has come – He never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to You, God on high!

Scripture Reading – John 1:1-14

Charles Brandt

Pastoral Prayer

Jason Fiedler

Offertory — Congregational Singing: "O Come, All You Unfaithful"

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VERSE 1

O come, all you unfaithful.
Come, weak and unstable,
Come, know you are not alone.
O come, barren and waiting ones,
Weary of praying. Come,
See what your God has done.
Christ is born, Christ is born,
Christ is born for you.

VERSE 2

O come, bitter and broken.
Come with fears unspoken.
Come, taste of His perfect love.
O come, guilty and hiding ones –
There is no need to run.
See what your God has done.
Christ is born, Christ is born,
Christ is born for you.

BRIDGE

He's the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon.
His promise is peace for those who believe. [repeat]

VERSE 3

So come. Though you have nothing,
Come! He is the offering.
Come, see what our God has done.
Christ is born, Christ is born,
Christ is born for you.

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Message

Pastor Jerry Birkholz

THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD PROVIDES
A SIGN, A SON, AND SECURITY

ISAIAH 7:14

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– 2 Chronicles 28

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